

## House Resolution No. 1245

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives take tremendous pleasure in recognizing those governmental employees who have brought honor to the Show-Me State through their professionalism and willingness to intervene in life-threatening situations; and

**Whereas**, Corrections Officer I Joseph Blevins of Jefferson City, Missouri, will be awarded the Missouri Department of Corrections Lifesaver Award during ceremonies to be held on March 25, 2005, at the Jefferson City Correctional Center; and

**Whereas**, on April 28, 2004, at the Missouri State Penitentiary, CO I Vaughn Morton was working in housing unit 2A when he responded to a call for assistance in another part of the unit; and

**Whereas**, upon arrival, Officer Morton observed an offender lying unconscious on the floor, at which time he checked for a pulse and breathing and found neither; and

**Whereas**, Officer Morton immediately started CPR and was quickly joined by Officers Joseph Blevins, James Redden, Kenneth Taylor, and Jack McKee; and

**Whereas**, as a team, the officers continued to utilize life-saving steps for approximately twenty-five minutes until an emergency medical services unit arrived; and

**Whereas**, Joseph Blevins' dedication to his profession, his ability to remain calm in a stressful situation, and his competence to react with sound judgement utilizing skills learned in Department training helped in this unsuccessful attempt to save the life of the offender; and

**Whereas**, Joseph Blevins has been blessed with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include his wife, Sheryl; and three children, Jordan, Randy, and Sarah:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the training and practices of CO I Joseph Blevins and to congratulate him upon his well-deserved selection to receive the Department of Corrections Lifesaver Award; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Corrections Officer Joseph Blevins as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Bill Deeken  
District No. 114

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 1245, adopted March 14, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker